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Inspection of Norwegian steamship Hiso from Veracruz, at Gulfport, Miss.—Conditions good.

Surgeon Wertenbaker, at New Orleans, forwards the following, received from health officer at Gulfport:

July 3, 1904. The steamship *Hiso*, from Veracruz, via Mobile quarantine, came into this port Friday without pratique, except from Mobile. She was fumigated at Veracruz and again at Mobile and had the latter's pratique. Her bill of health showed 3 cases of yellow fever at Veracruz.

She could not be entered here, so the circumstances were wired the Treasury Department, which admitted her on certificate of health officer. I inspected her yesterday, and all her crew are well, and the captain says there has been no sickness on board at any time. Will report to you later on.

JULY 10, 1904.

Nothing of importance has developed during the week. We have had one death, and that, as far as I can learn, was from typhoid fever. There were some sporadic cases of intermittent malarial fever.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.

Ponds of the Laredo Water Company suspected as breeding places for mosquitoes.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson reports, July 1, concerning ponds of water on the island in the Rio Grande used as filtering and settling tanks, that during the past month the attention of the water company was called to the possibility of their acting as breeding grounds, and the company promised to take proper steps at once. A careful inspection, however, failed to find any larvæ or mosquitoes, and the ponds were found to contain numerous little fish.

Work of sanitary department of San Antonio, Tex., for month of June, 1904.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports, July 2, as follows: Premises inspected, 12,208; premises found filthy, 165; notices served to clean premises, 165; notices complied with, 149; barrels screened, 63; sewer connections made during month, 53; houses fumigated, 19; rooms fumigated, 117; cellars fumigated, 3; cisterns fumigated, 2; wells fumigated, 5.

Mortality in San Antonio, month of June, 1904.—Asthma, 1; malarial fever, 3; pulmonary tuberculosis, 23; cholera morbus, 1; measles, 3; rheumatism, 2; septicæmia, 1; enteric fever, 3; cerebral carcinoma, 1; syphilis, 1; diphtheria, 3; meningitis, 3; paralysis, 3; cerebral embolism, 1; convulsions, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; aortic regurgitation, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; heart disease, 1; bronchitis, 1; pneumonia, 3; hemorrhage of lungs, 1; gastro-enteritis, 10; hyperæmia of liver, 1; perforation of bowels, 1; appendicitis, 1; enterocolitis, 1; dysentery, 6; cholera infantum, 3; cirrhosis of liver, 3; enteritis, 3;

carcinoma of stomach, 1; gastritis, 1; carcinoma of bile duct, 1; gum-mata of liver, 1; diabetes, 1; uræmia, 1; purulent cystitis, 1; cancer of uterus, 2; Bright's disease, 1; lack of development, 1; premature birth, 1; senility, 4; suicide (hanging), 1; burns, 1; morphinism, 1; gunshot wound, 1; alcoholism, 1; exhaustion, 1; inanition, 1; dentition, 1; pemphigus, 1; total, 113.

Conditions at Houston—Antimosquito ordinance not yet adopted.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Purnell reports as follows:

GALVESTON, TEX., *July 4, 1904.*

I visited Houston as directed, arriving there on the morning of June 30, and remaining until yesterday, when I came to this place. Very little has been done in Houston looking to making an organized fight against the propagation of mosquitoes. The antimosquito ordinance which was introduced at a meeting of the board of mayor and aldermen in the early part of June has not yet been adopted, but I am informed that it will in all probability pass at the next meeting of the board. At a meeting of the board of health of Houston the inclosed address was adopted, and besides being published in the press of the city, it will be issued in circular and distributed. It is reliably stated that more has been accomplished in the way of sanitation in Houston within the past few months than ever before in the same length of time, but the mosquito feature has not received proper attention, the issuance of the above referred to address being about all that has been done in an organized manner in that direction.

[Inclosure.]

APPEAL FOR CLEANER CITY—BOARD OF HEALTH, HEALTH OFFICER, AND MAYOR UNITE IN TIMELY ADDRESS TO THE CITIZENS.

The following self-explanatory appeal has been issued to the citizens of Houston

Houston, Tex., *July 2.*

To the citizens of Houston:

The mayor, board of health, and health department beg for your cooperation in sanitary work, for without it little can be accomplished, and every citizen owes it to the community in which he or she resides to do that which is for the public good. More money has been spent by the city in the last ninety days in the health and auxiliary departments than ever before for this time of the year, and the results have been most gratifying. But now we most respectfully urge the individual to redouble his efforts with special reference to the mosquito destruction.

And to gain that end, place your premises in a good sanitary condition; have all weeds in your yards, gutters, and on sidewalks cut and carried off or burned; see that the gutters are cleaned and contain no standing water; have all refuse, garbage, etc., gathered up and put in a receptacle kept for the purpose, and placed in a convenient place for the garbage cart to get it and remove it from your premises. Should the garbage or scavenger man fail to clean up at regular times, confer a favor by reporting the neglect to those respective departments at once, that it may be remedied. See to it that you have no exposed standing water on your premises. Water offers an opportunity for the breeding of mosquitoes, and it is proven beyond question that different species of these insects propagate different diseases, so it is very essential that their breeding places be destroyed.

If you have a cistern, have a cover made for it and keep it covered. If there is an open pool on your place that has to remain, have the surface covered with film of kerosene oil once, and every ten days. If you have to have barrels or any other container of water about your place, then have them either screened with fine wire netting, covered with a top, or treated with oil. By all means stop the breeding of mosquitoes on your place, and get your neighbor to do likewise. By so doing you will not only lessen the sickness in your family, but will render the summer evenings bearable.